

March 2015

City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Corey Rushton, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings:

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number.....801-966-3600
 Police Dispatch.....801-840-4000
 Fire Department.....801-963-3336
 Emergency.....911
 Fitness Center.....801-955-4000
 Garbage.....801-955-3720
 Storm Water Utility.....801-963-3334
 Code Enforcement.....801-963-3289

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall
 3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
 WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday
 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Police Officers Now Using Body Cameras



Our West Valley City Police Department is now using body worn cameras for our sworn officers. These cameras are a valuable tool in increasing transparency and accountability in policing. "This is a great benefit for our department," says WVC PD Chief Lee Russo. "While promoting transparency, these cameras will help give our communities insight and understanding into the challenges officers face on a daily basis. Cameras give us an opportunity to memorialize encounters with the public in an unbiased manner in case later questions are raised. We believe having this capacity provides protections to both our officers and citizens we serve," says

Russo.

Here are answers to some of the frequently asked questions about how we will use body cameras in our department.

What type of cameras will WVC PD use?

West Valley City Police Department is utilizing 190 Taser Axon Flex body cameras which will be worn by all sworn personnel with the exception of command staff and a limited number of administrative positions.

WVC PD has selected a "head mount" format in which the camera mounts via a magnet to the side of a pair of eye glasses, sun glasses or a mount that wraps around the back of the head. This format was

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Got junk?

WVC offers bulky waste pickup!

Do you have large items that won't fit in your weekly curbside garbage container? Don't forget about West Valley City's monthly curbside bulky waste pickup! This great service is included in your regular sanitation fee.

To learn more about bulky waste rules and regulations,

visit www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste; to find out when bulky waste is picked up in your neighborhood, call 801-955-3720.



selected because of its ability to provide audio visual recording of an incident from the officer's perspective. What the officer sees, the camera sees.

How will the cameras be used?

Officers will wear the camera in "buffering" mode during their shift. They will switch the device to "record" mode on all calls for service or when making contact with the public. When the camera is activated, it will automatically store the video it captured in the 30 seconds prior to the camera being switched to record as well as the intended contact.

WVCPD Chief Lee Russo proposed the cameras as a tool to increase transparency in the police department, protect officers from false claims and complaints and to provide the most professional and highest quality of service possible to the citizens of West Valley City. The cameras will not replace an officer's integrity, they will reaffirm it.

How much do the cameras cost?

The 5 year Taser Axon Flex contract will cost approximately \$1.1 million and covers the equipment as well as storage of data. After the first 2 ½ years, WVCPD will receive a complete refresh of its cameras with the latest technology available. The equipment will also be refreshed at the 5 year mark.

The cameras are warrantied against all damage or failure and will immediately be replaced. The cameras cost approximately \$1,000 each. The remainder, and the majority of the cost, comes from infrastructure to support

the technology and store the data.

What happens to the video recorded by the cameras?

Officers will upload recorded media at the end of each shift. An on-line web-based media storage facility will store digitally encrypted video and audio recordings from the camera systems. Body camera video will be stored in accordance with federal, state and local statutes. Once the legally mandated retention period is reached, videos will be purged from the system. Video tagged for retention by a supervisor will not be deleted.

Can the video be altered or deleted?

The video is accessible only to authorized personnel and the storage system maintains an audit trail of all user activities. Officers will not have the capability to edit, alter or delete captured video. Any deletion of video must go through a multi-layered approval and execution process.

What happens if an officer fails to record an event?

Use of the cameras is specifically addressed through police department policy. Violations of the policy requires administrative review and accountability.



For some, maintaining a green yard might be easy, while for many it can seem like a daunting task. With minimal time and effort, you can create a charming yard with curb appeal that will beautify your home and community.

Here are a few tips to keep a greener yard:

- Know your grass species and learn about care and maintenance specific to your type
- Mow regularly to boost and maintain your lawn's health
- Water enough to moisten the soil to a depth of 8 inches; don't overwater
- Treat lawn for weeds, bugs and insects
- Fertilize on a regular basis

Submitted by Teri-Mae Pierce, West Valley City Clean & Beautiful Committee

An election will be held this year for three West Valley City Council seats:

Councilmember At-Large
District 1 Councilmember
District 3 Councilmember

Qualified candidates may file June 1 through June 8, 2015, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and on Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, contact the City Recorder at sherimckendrick@wvc-ut.gov or 801-963-3203.

ELECTIONS



EXPLORE
WEST VALLEY CITY

West Valley City is excited to join the Munzee global scavenger hunt to provide an exciting new way to explore our city. Every month, a new trail will be identified within the city allowing you to explore parks, facilities, venues and other points of interest right here in West Valley City. Prizes will be offered each month for the first person to complete the Munzee trail!

This month's trailhead begins at Peachwood Park (3510 West 3965 South). Be the first to capture each Munzee on the trail and win a \$20 gift card to Megaplex Theaters!

Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/munzee to learn more. Happy hunting!

How does the joke go?

A dog, a cat and a duck are walking down the street ...

Well maybe its not a well known joke. But it is important for us all to remember how to handle situations involving traditional domesticated animals vs. what is usually considered to be wildlife. With spring approaching, we will soon start to see many baby animals around our neighborhoods. In some cases it is appropriate to report these animals to the WVC Animal Services Division, but in many cases it is more appropriate to be calling the state agencies that have direct jurisdiction of specific types of animals.

Domesticated Animals such as Cats and Dogs

West Valley City Animal Services call 801-965-5800

Wildlife Animals such as Deer

Division of Wildlife Resources call 801-538-4700

Wildlife Animals such as Ducks and Racoons

Division of Agriculture call 801-975-3315



Real Monarchs to Build Stadium in West Valley City



West Valley City and the Real Monarchs have signed a Letter of Intent agreeing to move forward on an exclusive 60-day negotiating window regarding construction of an 8,000-seat stadium in the city, home to the USL Real Monarchs.

Should both sides agree to move forward, construction for this project is expected to begin later this spring, with the Monarchs kicking off league play at the new venue during the club's 2016 season. In addition to the Monarchs' games, it's envisioned the stadium will also host many other events and teams, including a concert series, a professional women's soccer franchise, a men's lacrosse and rugby franchises, community adult soccer games, and other activities.

"We are excited to welcome the Real Monarchs and all fans of professional soccer to our city," says Mayor Ron Bigelow. "This is a great opportunity for our residents to enjoy soccer. West Valley City and the Monarchs are a great match and they will be a terrific addition to our community as we build toward the future."

An exact location for the future stadium is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

CELEBRATION Gallery



Autumn Turning (detail), Bonnie Posselli, 28" x 18" oil on canvas

INTERMOUNTAIN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

SPRING INTO FANTASY

art exhibition

MARCH 12 - MAY 6

UTAH CULTURAL CELEBRATION CENTER | 1355 WEST 3100 SOUTH, WEST VALLEY CITY, UT

Upcoming Events

Need help with taxes? The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will be available at City Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 14. Appointments are available from 5 - 8 PM by calling 2-1-1.

March

- 11 WVC Watch Wednesday: What to look for -- current criminal activity trends
City Hall, 6 - 7 PM
- 11 Community Meeting with Chief Russo
City Hall, 7 - 8 PM
- 12 Intermountain Society of Artists "Spring Into Fantasy" Exhibit (through May 6)
Cultural Celebration Center
- 19 Ham Radio Operators Networking Meeting
City Hall, 7 - 9 PM
- 21 Recycle Run 5K
Registration required; call 801-955-4000 for more information.
Family Fitness Center, 8 AM
- 23 Utah Shakespeare Festival Presents Macbeth
Cultural Celebration Center, 7 PM
- 24 Utah Shakespeare Festival Presents Macbeth
Cultural Celebration Center, 10 AM
- 24 Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Class (Part Two) *Registration required; call 801-963-3336 for more information.*
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 27 Spring Into Safety Emergency Preparedness Fair
Valley Fair Mall, 4 - 9 PM
- 28 Spring Into Safety Emergency Preparedness Fair
Valley Fair Mall, 1 - 6 PM

New events are added daily.
For a complete list, visit
www.wvc-ut.gov/events

West Valley City Fire Department **Family Safety & Emergency Preparedness Fair** Valley Fair Mall, 3601 S 2700 W



Friday, March 27 from 4-9 pm
Saturday, March 28 from 1-6 pm

Kids Activities
Vehicles On Display
Fire Safety Information
Home Safety Information
Neighborhood Watch Information
Emergency Preparedness Information



Please Join Us WVC Emergency Radio Network In Person Meeting

WHEN:
Thurs, March 19
7:00 pm

WHERE:
West Valley City Hall
Multi-Purpose Room
3600 S 2700 W

PURPOSE:
Organize a WVC network.
Explore amateur radio uses in the City
to enhance communications between
neighborhoods and the City its times of crisis.



New year.
New time.
New place.

Community
meetings
with Chief Russo

Join us!
Meetings now held on the
2nd Wednesday of each
month from 7-8 pm in the
multi-purpose room
at West Valley City Hall,
3600 S Constitution Blvd

**CHANGE
AHEAD**